

MONTANA'S RAILROADS.

Engineer Stevens' Opinion of the Marias Pass as a Route for the Manitoba Pacific.

The Northern Pacific's Plan to Penetrate a New Canadian Region.

Progress of Railroad Construction in Montana—How the Northern Pacific Will Reach Cooke City.

Fort Benton, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Engineer Stevens, of the Manitoba Pacific extension survey, returned to Fort Assiniboine yesterday, having been to the top of the Marias Pass. Mr. Stevens is well pleased with the approach to the pass. The summit, 5,700 feet high, can be reached by a grade of less than 100 feet to the mile. It is a low, open pass from one to six miles wide, and little solid rock work will be necessary. It is estimated that the cost of the road through this pass will not exceed \$16,000 per mile and as this route to the coast will be at least 100 miles shorter than any other, it will no doubt be selected. Snow is three feet deep in the mountains, and the survey party traveled fifteen miles on snow shoes to reach the top of the pass.

Through Canada to the Atlantic. Quebec special, Dec. 16: The recent visit of President Thomas Oakes of the Northern Pacific to this city is now believed to have been in connection with a proposed scheme to construct a new line of railway through Canada, from Sault Ste. Marie to Quebec and ultimately to Gaspé. The Northern Pacific has long desired an independent line to the seaboard and the Canadian route seems to have been selected because it will furnish a shorter line than any that could be built on American territory and also because it is believed that it will be less costly than an American road and will receive considerable aid from the provincial authorities of Ontario and Quebec. Charles which were granted last session by the Quebec legislature to the political favorites of the Mercer government for the construction of the missing link of railway from Quebec to Gaspé are now in hands of friends of the Northern Pacific, thus assuring them a direct route to a Canadian port.

Northern Pacific Construction. Notwithstanding that snow has come to stay for a few months, construction on the Northern Pacific company's several branch lines continues. From Engineer Moffett it is learned that track is laid within one mile of the summit of the Butte side of the Butte-Gallatin branch. The tunnel is also completed. At present work is confined on this line to bridge building. There are no less than fifty bridges and trestles within a distance of thirty-five miles in the Homestead pass. The scenery along the route, and particularly from Jefferson Canyon to the Homestead tunnel, is said to be grand, a rifle pit in the canyon being among the attractions. Leaving this branch at Sappington, almost half way between Jefferson Canyon and Gallatin, the line again branches off to the south into a mining district of future importance. The track is laid to Harrison, at which point there is a junction, the line running southwest to Pony and south and east to Red Bluff. This road is known as the Pony and Red Bluff. It is expected to have the line completed to Pony early in January and to Red Bluff, touching the town of Norris, next spring. A short branch will also be built from Norris running west about ten miles to Richmond Flat. When these extensions are completed the Northern Pacific will penetrate a valuable farming, stock raising and mining section. February is the time fixed for running trains from Gallatin to Butte and all the other branches south of this line will have trains running into them no later than March.

On the Northern Pacific Elkhorn branch twelve miles of track is laid. Grading and bridge building continues, but no more track will be laid until spring. Of the contemplated branch to Cooke City it is believed to be definitely settled upon that the Northern Pacific will build down the Stillwater river, starting at Stillwater station on this main line. This is believed to be the best route and more practicable than building from Red Lodge. Engineers made a location of this line during the summer. To build this branch will require an act of congress granting another right of way across the Crow reservation. The Northern Pacific cut off from Missoula now has track down six miles west of Frenchtown and no more track will be laid during the winter.

Work on the Manitoba company's Belt mountain branch from Great Falls is still going on and about fourteen miles of track has been laid. Everything points to 1890 being the most active year known in Montana railway building.

Chance for Stockholders. Boston, Dec. 21.—The circular giving rights to Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line stockholders will probably not be issued for some days. The Oregon Short Line will offer its stockholders \$4,957,000 new consolidation 5 per cent mortgage bonds, and 14,873 shares of stock. Of these the Union Pacific takes 3,250,000 bonds and 9,752 shares stock, which it in turn offers to the Union Pacific stockholders, but upon a different basis. The Union Pacific also buys from the Oregon Short Line direct \$2,836,000 at 95 and interest and puts its guarantee upon them as the other bonds, and adds 14,500 shares of Oregon Short Line stock from its treasury and offers the whole to its stockholders. \$6,089,000 bonds and \$2,435,000 stocks, in blocks of \$1,000 bonds, and 104 shares of stock, the bonds to each holder of 100 Union Pacific shares. The Oregon Short Line offers to each holder of 50 shares of the stock a \$1,000 bond and 108 shares of stock. The payments will probably be 25 per cent per month, beginning in January, but advanced payment may be made and the interest adjusted at 5 per cent.

The finest line of fancy China cups and saucers, for presentation, ever shown in Montana are now being displayed at The Bee Hive.

THIRTY DAYS.

Notice to Store Buyers and House-keepers.

From the 1st of December to the 1st of January we will sell stoves and tinware lower than ever. We carry the largest and best line of stoves in Helena, "Universal" brand. Before purchasing elsewhere call and see our stock, especially our double heating hard coal base burners. This stove is so constructed that it takes all cold air from the floor, draws same through the stove and distributes hot air through the room, at the same time burning only one-half the fuel of any other hard coal stove. Call and be convinced.

STURROCK & BROWN.

At Jackson's Music Store you can buy a fine violin, banjo or guitar for \$5.00.

District Court. The following is the district court record for yesterday: 4472—H. H. Ashley vs. Sing Gee; judgment in favor of plaintiff. 4749—B. Schane vs. C. M. Jefferis et al.; demurrer sustained and leave granted plaintiff to amend his complaint. 4829—Edward E. Huestler vs. Lawrence Barker; demurrer to complaint withdrawn; defendant has twenty days in which to file answer.

4389—C. A. Fisher vs. John East and C. A. Broadwater; demurrer to complaint; matter taken under advisement. 3876—Mary C. Holmadel vs. Charles Starn; motion to quash summons taken under advisement. J. C. Thompson vs. J. B. Atchison et al.; reinstated on the docket for purpose of retaining costs.

Buy your wife a Christmas present in the shape of a 12-piece dinner set, fine decoration, only \$11 at The Bee Hive.

"MIND THIS."

Having received notice of manufacturers' articles of 10 per cent, on various articles in our line from our eastern jobbers, we want to take under advisement. We will call at our store and be convinced of our low prices.

J. STEINMETZ JEWELRY CO., 24 Main Street.

At Jackson's Music Store you can buy a beautiful music box, 8 airs, for \$15.00.

A full line of Homeopathic Preparations. Mail orders will receive prompt attention. The Paynter Drug Co.

Try It.

Try our best patent flour, the best in the market, and Whittaker Star brand, at John T. Mowbray & Co.'s.

Notice to the Legislators.

Of the different houses of the state of Montana. If you want to make your family at home happy, go to the Bee Hive and pick out a nice Christmas present and send it home.

Twenty-five per cent. discount on all suits and trappings for thirty days only at John B. Johnson's.

Notwithstanding that The Bee Hive is crowded with Holiday goods, they still have a full line of ladies' and children's underwear and hosiery, which is being sold very cheap.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

The Union Pacific, "The Overland Route," will sell tickets for the holidays between all stations in Montana on its lines at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1889, and January 1st, 1890, good going on date of sale and good for return passage up to and including January 31, 1890.

Take advantage of this reduced rate and spend Christmas and New Years with your relatives or friends.

For any information as regards time of trains, rates, etc., apply to the nearest Union Pacific agent.

E. L. LOMAX, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

Our goods are strictly first-class, and our prices are reasonable.

C. B. JACQUEMIN & CO.

We show the largest stock of Diamonds, Diamond Studded Watches and Diamond Jewelry ever exhibited in Montana.

C. B. JACQUEMIN & CO.

Change of Time on the Montana Central.

Effective Sunday, Dec. 22, trains will arrive and depart from Helena as follows:

Train No.	To	Arrive	Depart
Train No. 1, Helena and Butte express	Butte	8:15 a. m.	
Train No. 2, Helena and Butte express	Butte	7:00 p. m.	
Train No. 3, Montana Pacific express from east	Helena	3:30 p. m.	3:45 p. m.
Train No. 4, St. Paul express	Helena	11:20 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
Train No. 5, Montana Pacific express to west	Helena	10:30 a. m.	
Train No. 6, Marysville express	Marysville	8:00 a. m.	
Train No. 7, Marysville express	Marysville	6:40 p. m.	
Train No. 8, Marysville express	Marysville	4:30 p. m.	

R. H. LANGLEY, General Ticket Agent.

Bell's Cabinets at \$3 Per Dozen.

Cabinet photos \$3 per dozen at Bell's gallery, Helena avenue, corner Warren, on our line.

Christmas tree ornaments at The Bee Hive.

Toys, books, drums, tool chests, child's dishes, games of all kinds, guns, hobby-horses, etc., etc., to be found at The Bee Hive cheaper than elsewhere.

Marriage Belles.

Geo. Breck yesterday received a letter from his partner Mr. Jacob Fisher, announcing the marriage of the latter at Bloomdale, Ohio, to Miss Bessie Simon, the marriage was performed on Wednesday, December 18th. The happy pair are expected in Helena before the New Year, when they will be ready to welcome their friends at 318 West Lawrence street.

Buy your Christmas slippers at Fred Gamers', the largest and best selected stock in town.

A New Painting.

Mr. August Pack will receive this week another fine piece of art from the brush of the now famous Michalowsky, entitled, "The Adulteress." It is an illustration in strong French style, and the coloring is very fine. Those that have seen the painting now on exhibition, "The Adulteress," will undoubtedly be more interested in wanting to see the new one, as it is pronounced by press and public a grand piece of work. Due notice will be given upon its arrival.

Diamonds and Fine Diamond Jewelry at C. B. Jacquemin & Co.'s.

NOTARY SEALS—new ones made and old ones changed. C. E. Kemp, Helena, Mont.

Grand dress goods sale, Monday and Tuesday, at The Bee Hive.

The reduction sale of holiday goods at the Journal Publishing Co.'s house will continue until Christmas evening.

Look at This.

Those ladies' solid gold watches at \$20 will be sold at \$15 each on Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24.

C. A. COOPER, 111 N. Main Street.

You can buy next Monday and Tuesday at The Bee Hive, cashmere in all colors, and other dress goods at half price.

Albums at reduced prices for five days at Calkins & Feathersly's.

Etchings! Etchings! Last week of the sale at Calkins & Feathersly's.

An Inducement.

To buyers of useful holiday gifts. We will offer all of this week a discount of 10 per cent on all black and colored dress silks except saris, embracing all of the newest weaves and most desirable colors.

Our black silks are unequalled in this market. We carry only the best brands manufactured and warrant every yard. There is nothing that would be more desirable or appreciated as a present for your friend or relative than a nice silk dress, and the proper place to buy it is at RALEIGH & CLARKE'S.

At Jackson's Music Store you can buy an organ for \$65.00, fully warranted for 5 years.

Look out for the grand dress goods sale next Monday and Tuesday at The Bee Hive.

The L. X. L. Bazaar will sell next Monday and Tuesday their whole stock of dress goods at half price.

A Question of Veracity.

Papa, my Sunday school teacher said yesterday that honesty was the best policy, but I was in the Bee Hive Thursday and overheard a man say something different to a friend of his. He said that his \$10,000 policy in the New York Life Insurance company of the New York was the best policy ever issued, and advised him to go to H. Sharpe, the agent of the New York Life Insurance company in the Bailey building, and get one to present to his wife for a Christmas present. Which of these was right, papa?

Holiday goods at cost this week at SAKS BROS.

Buy for your children, buy for your neighbors, buy for everybody a one dollar silk handkerchief at Fowles' Cash Store for 50c on Monday and Tuesday only.

For Rent.

Three nice furnished rooms at Oro Fino Club. Enquire of Folk & Devine.

In Order to Do It.

In order to close out the balance of our holiday stock and make room for new goods, our entire stock will be offered at special sale Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24. Prices lower than ever.

C. A. COOPER, 111 N. Main Street.

A New Deal.

For the accommodation of passengers living on the north side, the Montana Central will stop their Helena and Butte express train in the morning at Helena avenue crossing to take on passengers and the evening express from Butte to let off passengers. This will be a great convenience to parties who are employed at the smelter.

SEE N. NATHAN.

Great Special Sale Monday December 23.

Ladies and childrens wool hose at half price.

Ladies wool worth 50c for 25c. Childrens wool worth 35c for 20c per pair.

Special—A full line of toilet cases and fancy goods at 50c on the dollar.

N. NATHAN, 15 South Main street.

Madame Boyd

Late of No. 32 Rue Notre Dame de Victoires, Paris, has engaged rooms 63 and 66 at the Grand Central, and cordially invites the ladies of Helena to inspect her special exhibit of imported costumes for ball, evening, calling and carriage wear. Madame Boyd visits Paris semi-annually. She will hold receptions in her rooms at the Grand Central on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. The assortment she now brings with her is brim full of select designs and cannot fail to interest the wives of our leading citizens.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Montana National Bank

At Helena, in the State of Montana, at the Close of Business, December 11, 1889.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$1,055,455.99
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	15,412.27
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure deposits	100,000.00
Stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	18,885.30
Due from approved reserve agents	50,708.38
Due from other national banks	15,571.47
Due from state banks and bankers	8,905.42
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	72,550.00
Interest earned and taxes paid	12,461.73
Premiums on U. S. bonds	7,500.00
Checks and other cash items	15,740.88
Bills of other banks	20,000.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	25.62
Legal tender notes	112,520.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,250.00
Total	\$2,068,715.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$500,000.00
Surplus fund	75,000.00
Undivided profits	50,150.00
National bank notes outstanding	45,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	260,060.53
Demand certificates of deposit	730,961.41
United States deposits	1,377.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,267.90
United States deposits	65,029.88
Due to U. S. depository officers	21,453.00
Due to other national banks	124,125.01
Due to state banks and bankers	42,250.74
Total	\$2,068,715.00

State of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark—SS.

I, C. A. Broadwater, president of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. A. BROADWATER, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1889.

S. E. ATKINSON, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

HELMAN GANS, C. W. CANNON, L. G. PHELPS, Directors.

Useful and Ornamental.

A Christmas shopper will often invest in the useful as well as the ornamental in their purchases and they have a wide field for such investment at the store of R. S. Hale. A fine display of toilet sets in fine plush cases of every description at prices ranging from \$1 to \$20. The very finest of ivory and celluloid sets are shown upon the counters. Perfumes of the very best make and put up in the most attractive style are shown in endless varieties. Vases, cut-glass and French glass bottles are also in stock and would make a very handsome Christmas present.

Something Will Happen.

If you don't remember your best girl, your mother, sister or brother by calling at the Helena Pharmacy and securing something from their select stock as a Christmas present. Perfumes, foreign and domestic color cases, dressing cases, manicure sets. Call and see for yourselves.

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Don't Forget It.

Bargains Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 23 and 24. Diamonds, watches and jewelry at special sale. C. A. Cooper, 111 N. Main street.

Jewel and other cases of every description at The Bee Hive.

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Holiday Rates—Christmas and New Years.

The Union Pacific Railway company will make a holiday excursion rate of one and one-fifth fare for the round trip within a distance of (300) hundred miles or less; tickets to be sold December 24th, 25th and 31st; also January 1st, 1890; good for return until January 31, 1890.

A. E. VEAZIE, Press. Agt.

ARTHUR P. CURTIS,

Furniture and Carpets, Wall Paper and House Furnishing Goods.

Occupies four large salesrooms on Jackson street, two doors north of Broadway, devoted exclusively to the showing samples of his mammoth stock which is carried in his three large outside warehouses.

This house, which, a few years ago, occupied but one floor of the Davidson block, was opened last year and has already assumed proportions which will soon necessitate its enlargement. Mr. Curtis is sole agent for some of the best makes of instruments known to the musical public—such as Steinway & Sons, Sohmer & Co., Gable Bros., Briggs & Co., Pease, the celebrated Wegman piano with patent tuning process (a wonderful invention), and other first-class instruments. Mr. Curtis though now occupying more space in the displaying of his enormous stock, find himself so crowded for room that he contemplates the erection of a mammoth building the coming season on Grand street, 125 feet front and extending through the entire block to Breckenridge street, where the stock will be carried in special departments; one of which will be devoted exclusively to music.

Mr. Curtis has, during his business career in Helena, gained many personal friends, through his close attention to business, fair dealing and placing each and every customer upon the same footing. He can afford to sell goods cheaper than any other house in Montana, from the fact that he does close buying, paying spot cash, getting the benefits of all discounts and shipping in immense quantities. His trade extends to all parts of the state, his order business in itself being quite a large establishment.

American, English and French Tooth Brushes also, the Felt Tooth Brushes at The Paynter Drug Co.

Silk handkerchiefs at 50c each, 50 per cent. less than they can be bought at wholesale in New York, so do not miss the special sale Monday and Tuesday at Fowles' Cash Store.

At Jackson's Music Store you can buy a lovely piano for \$175.00, fully warranted for 5 years. Don't you forget it.

The best bargain in Helena is 50c feet on Main street at \$50.00 per front foot.

WHITE, JOHNSTONE & CO.

This week Saks Bros. are offering their entire stock of holiday goods and Christmas novelties at cost prices. This is an annual opportunity to buy your presents at eastern cost several days before Christmas.

HELENA IN BRIEF.

If You Want A cheap stove Go to Sturrock & Brown's.

Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer, Bailey building, Main street.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor, Main street, opposite First National bank.

Now is the time to buy your stoves. Sturrock & Brown are offering them at bottom prices.

Remember that the cheap stove and tinware sale at Sturrock & Brown's will last only until Jan. 1.

Go to H. Nicholson Co.'s, for the best hay and grain at lowest prices, delivered in any quantity. Telephone 243.

Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

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